

Morris-Town 27 April 1777

Dear Harry

It was with pleasure that I heard
my friend with his company had march'd for
Providence, a measure which will give the
neighbouring states a good opinion of your
method of Discipline. I know you will
want no stimulants to keep up to the strictest
Rules of propriety in your company, and tho
firm principles of equality the rigid part of
discipline must be omitted yet I am sure
the young Gentlemen composing your company
will take a pride, in behaving with all
that decorum so necessary to establish the
Reputation of good soldiers, in which respect
they must at present view themselves
— as you may often remember to
have ^{heard} me speak of the Gentlemen
who composed the Small Corps of Light Horse
in our low Estate on the other side the Delaware

they were some of the first Citizens of Philadelphia
and yet did not think themselves too good to
perform the meanest offices of Soldiers — they
fetched their own provisions, and if they did
not cook it yet something very like it, they
took care of their own Horses, and as a
Reward of their virtue, they had the
esteem and Love of every man of sense
in the army — I mention these things
because I have heard that my pretty
Brother, wanted to think that he was
to do the duty of a Common Soldier, and
I wish you to give him these sentiments
inasmuch as I should have written to
him. But this is the 15th Letter I have
written this morning and the post is
blowing me to despatch him.

Col^o Lee and Mr. Gray are here
at present, Col^o Buxton is appointed
Adjutant General

Col. Lee says that the General will not allow
him pay for the Officers appointed after he got
into Massachusetts, if the Bt. is not won
but Colonel Henry is desirous to be recalled
and has his desire granted. The Genl. has
written very properly to the Court to have
yours and Lee paid immediately, and has
hinted they may for the present be
stationed at Boston, — this together with
one station being opened near I hope
operate on their generosity —

God preserve you
My dear friend
Mnwp

A Capt. of Col. Ogden's of the Jersey went
out upon a scout two days ago when
he and all his party about 50 men killed
Col. ^{agitation} ~~Henry~~ —

Letter from my
 Friend H. H.
 dated 11. 1797

So

Colonel Henry Jackson
 Commanding the Independent
 Company now encamped at
 Providence Rhode Island

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